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PRE-CHRISTMAS FORMAL PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

Vagabonds Supply Music, with Miss Eva Cline Vocalist

Friday evening, after the Thanksgiving banquet, the corps had their second formal dance of the year. Held in the Memorial Gymnasium, which expressed a feeling of early Christmas, the dance went over with a huge success. The melodic music of the Vagabonds with vocals by Miss Eva Cline once again proved a big hit with the cadets and their dates. Cadet Captain Dave Eborn with Miss Carla Harris of Mary Baldwin College, led the dance, and Cadet Lt. Dave Douglass with Miss Audrey Rich were assistant leaders. Many girls from Mary Baldwin, Fairfax Hall, Stuart Hall and surrounding towns were invited, and there were far less stags at this dance than in the ones previous. We noticed that more faculty officers were present at this dance than before too, and when a cadet had a good looking girl with him it always turned out that one of the many "dear teachers" had them in their arms. For many of the cadets at Augusta this year, it will be their last dance for the duration. There are many boys who will enter the service after Christmas, and will not be able to return to AMA. We hope that these boys, in particular, had a grand time and also that someday in the future they will be able to return to Augusta and have some more enjoyment. In all though, it was expressed by everyone who attended the dance, that they all had a wonderful time.

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MRS. A. S. ROACH A VISITOR

The Academy had in Mrs. A. S. Roach a distinguished school visitor during the Thanksgiving holidays. "Auntie" as she is affectionately known to many cadets is one of our strongest supporters and it is alway a pleaure to have her with us. May that pleasure come soon again.

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PORTRAITS

Portraits are now being taken of the members of the Senior Class and in the very near future settings will be held of those who expect to receive High School Certificates.

AUGUSTA STONE CHURCH FETES AMA CORPS

Thursday evening, November 19, the Augusta Stone Church gave a reception in honor of the Cadet Corps, the Faculty and their wives. The affair was held in the Memorial Gymnasium. Reverend J. M. McBryde, pastor of the church was in charge of the event. Musical selections, recitations and short speeches were the highlights of the evening which came to a close with delicious refreshments being served to everyone in attendance. The personnel of this school wishes to extend to the church authorities and Reverend McBryde their sincere thanks for the kindness extended the Corps for this affair.

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HONOR COMMITTEE ELECTIONS HELD

Recently a meeting of the entire cadet corps was held in the Big Room for the purpose of selecting candidates for election to the Honor Committee. The final results showed that the following cadets received this great honor: Fourth year men: Grape and McOwen; Third year men: Haden, Brewer, R.; Thornhill. Second year men: J. W. Hevener, Pigg, Codling and Dunbar. First year men; Stone. These cadets with the Officers of the Student Body: Eborn, Stuart, Warner, and Granda, made up the full membership of this organization. The Bayonet wishes to congratulate both the cadets corps for choosing men of the highest caliber and also to extend to the Honor Committee congratulations upon their being selected to hold this high office for this coming year. The Bayonet pledges this committee its wholehearted support in all of its undertakings.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Bayonet recently put on sale the annual Christmas cards. The front of this attractive card has a lithograph picture of a silhouette of the Barracks. On the inside of the folder the school seal appears plus an attractive poem by AMA's own poet, Clinton Whitehurst.

TWENTY-ONE MAJOR MONOGRAMS ARE GIVEN TO FOOTBALL PLAYERS

An old saying goes, "the best way to a man's heart is through his stomach," and that was proven to the cadets of Augusta on November 26. A feast, never before dreamed of by ration experts in these times, was laid upon the messhall table for one and all to enjoy. It included Tomato juice, Roast Turkey, Giblet Gravy, Old Virginia Ham, Snowflake Potatoes, Peas, Pies, Cakes, and many other wonderful things to eat. The messhall was decorated for the occasion by the CW's, who deserve a lot of credit for the splendid job they did. After the meal the football letters and presentations were made by our Commandant, Major Roller.

Twenty-one cadets received the major monogram for football this year, and they were: Spotswood West, manager; Backs, Adolph Null, Captain of the team; "Shorty" Marable, "Hermano" Prati, "Skeeter" Slagle, Jack Codling, Stuart Reid, Eugene Almacen, and Russ Simmons; Ends, Al McQuillen, "Ham" Hamilton, "Shorty" Long, and Graham Darden; Tackles, Buddy Hayes, Bill Eddy and "Moe" Fontaine; Guards, Jessie Mohler, "Horse" Bearden, Don Bazemore and "Herman" Weaver; the center was Bobby Johnson.

These boys worked and played hard throughout the season for Coach Waleski and deserved such an honor that was bestowed upon them. For being the most outstanding player on the team, and helping the team get out of the ruts more than any one else was Adolph Null, Captain of the team. He received the highest award that a football player can get at the academy, and that was the Gold football, given each year, to the most deserving player on the team, by Major Roller. Different speakers were then introduced and it was revealed by Major Roller that this was the fiftieth year that Augusta has been playing football. He presented to the corps the living members of the first football team and each made a short talk. After this the corps was dismissed, and each cadet was allowed to take what food they wanted to their rooms.

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AUGUSTA'S CHRISTMAS

By Clinton Whitehurst

The snow all night had fallen,
And as morning's early light,
Crept silently o'er the mountains
The world was crystal white.
Our parade ground which the night before
Had sparkled with the dew,
Was covered now with a silvery quilt
As Christmas Day broke through.

It was Christmas, yes, 'twas Christmas
And at home and every place
The hollyhock and mistletoe
Long days and nights erased.
For Augusta's boys were coming home
To a waiting Christmas tree
And the family like in years before
Near a blazing hearth would be.

Tall candles, flickering shadows
Would cast gleams upon the street
Where wandering happy minstrels
Sing carols to hurrying feet.
And when the starry night starts waning
And bright stars slip away
And we wait for towns the world around
To welcome Christmas Day.

The sun will like, as ever
Break over glistning trees,
And we'll hear the chime of church bells
Peal out o'er the mornnig breeze.
But somewhere way out yonder
In a land that's far away
Augusta's boys will march in time,
With drums on Christmas Day.

So pray you men of AMA
As you watch the fallng snow
Pray to God for these fighting sons
Who were here not long ago.
O think for what they're dying
While watching the candles shine
And ask dear Christ that home they'll be
For next year's Christmas time.

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QUADRANGLE QUIRPS

Here we present to our beloved faculty the songs we will dedicate to them, at Christmas Time, if we think of them. Brotherly Love is common among the cadets of Augusta, as long as we have a six shooter on our side.

Lt. Lucas—Sammy, You Made the Pants Too Long.

Lt. Hart—Put Your Arms Around Me Honey.

Maj. Cherrington—I Had the Craziest Dream.

Captain Sommers—Moonglow.
Maj. Blackburn—Dig Down Deep.

Colonel Robinson—Boots and Saddle.

Captain Hershberger—Good Morning Mr. Zip, Zip, Zip.

Captain Ingram—Beer Barrel Polka.

Lt. Waleski—Sweet Rosie O'Grady.

Lt. Josephs—S--s--s--Sadie, Beautiful Sadie-ttt.

Lt. Scott—Who Cares!!

Captain Garnett—Everything Happens to Me.

Lt. O'Grady—For the First Time.

Lt. Obenchen—O Sweet Mystery of Life.

"Speaking from experience" is the motto of Terry Tariche. The experience is Lee Moore.

It looks like Kniceley likes this new boy Kieffer. After all he does have a sister. Janice, you had better watch Knicley, or should he watch you?

Sunday, Brooks, M. was walking back a road, now he's found himself a Zig-L-E-R. How about that?

The West Virginia Kid, Nat Bailes, has been bitten by a bug. Yes, and Patsy Sanford is the cause of it all. Ain't love wonderful?

One day in Physics class Major Cherrington asked the where-abouts of Pedro Cordero. "Reliable" McGraw pipes up with "He's trying to pass the physical for the infirmary, sir".

A Cadet Thought at Furlough Time

Just a few days until you are free,
Away from trouble and misery.
No more homing, no more hash,
No more flirting with Staunton trash
No more ringing campus bells,
No more teachers giving you hell.
'Gonna pack my bags
And take them to the track,
And don't give a damn if you never come back.—W.F.C.

What's this we hear about two SMA cadets standing on the porch of Mary Baldwin playing with yo-yos? Could it be possible, but that only will come from SMA. What more could be expected?

A Major walked up to a cadet standing in front of barracks and asked, "Do you like animals?" The cadet turned around and said, "Yes, sir, I wait on tables in the messhall!"

We understand that Don Bazemore, our "little" cousin, is getting letters from a certain girl in New York, every day. Haven't you been holding something out on us, Don?

Two of the elated "Four Stoop Tower Men," Funck and James, are expected to depart to Charlottesville again. Have they found something that struck their fancy there, or has it struck something else?

Little Ray Brown wants to find a solution to why Jean isn't writing to him any more. She had better watch her step or she'll soon end up with all the other WAVES and WACS.

A lot of fellows, including Pat Patterson, are looking forward to those Christmas Hops that will be held when they get home. Who is it this time, Pat?

Sanders, R., got a letter from his girl today and she said that the scenes at the Church Grove were very pretty. (I wonder how she could say that). More than likely her mind was on more important things.

What's this we hear about M. D. Thomas going around with engaged girls? Once we heard a speech that quoted "be different," he sure is!

Flash: That romantic pair of Jack Hardell and Ann Johnson has just been reported to be breaking up. What's the matter Jack, is the thought of June and her lost shoe too much for you to stand?

Johnny Sweatt and Dave Eborn are going to head for the wide open spaces at Christmas time. These two are really a pair to go bear hunting. We rather think that they will be hunting bare!

When the AMA barracks are freed at zero hour on the 17th, all the lovelorn women throughout the country

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QUADRANGLE QUIRPS

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are going to dive for shelter. Not that we blame them, either. Hardly a day has gone past, but one cadet comes up to another and lays his plans for the holiday. I wouldn't do it if I were you, Charlie.

Bill Eddy has been strengthening his sharp-shooting eye in the past few weeks. There is a slight rumor around that he will be on the hunt for something, or someone, at Christmas time.

We rather believe that "Tiny" Quattrone is the luckiest person in school. Just think, on the 17th he can go back home—to Stubenville!

The combined trio of Prince, Gabriel and Frances sure painted Waynesboro the night after the Thanksgiving game. Ask Bingo, she knows—doesn't she Freddie?

Ham Hamilton sure is a sentimental boy. If one person even thinks of his girl, whoever she is, he begins to pine away. Are you afraid that someone will steal her, Ham?

There have been slight comments that some of the faculty of Augusta have been seen entering Madison College. Why, Lieutenants, isn't MBC good enough for you, or are you afraid that a cadet might give you competition?

Burnley Tabakin had his eye on a cute number from Fairfax Hall for a while at the beginning of school. To show you how fast a worker he is, he still doesn't know her name. But little does that matter now. When Norfolk is hit at Christmas time, Burnley will be right there, on top too!

Now we know one reason for Seeley coming back to school this year. Don't we Mr. Seeley? She was hot on your trail, too, until the steel gate closed behind you on Route 11. Now she will have to catch someone else.

Booby Johnson sure is getting those sweet smelling letters from Culpeper, lately. Is she expecting you home Christmas, Bobby? Or does she want you to be chloroformed?

Well, children, until the fire in the trash can goes out, we must sign off until after the vacation. It was swell working with you all so far. I have only received 200 letters threatening my life, but little matter is that. If you ever are alone without a friend in the world, come see me and I will give you a few choice names with phone numbers attached to ease the pain and misery of heartache. The postoffice was kind enough to let me sit in there with my typewriter one afternoon, and copy all the addresses with Miss in front of them. So far everyone that we have written to has answered. It was a dirty trick though sending along a circular on the Care and Feeding of Babies!

HARD LUCK TO OUR OPPONENTS!

After a long, hard, up and down season, the Augusta Military Academy ended with an even record. Winning four and losing four throughout the season. The season's opener was dropped to a heavier favored Woodberry Forest team 28-0. Since the team had only practiced together for a week before the game, the outlook was dim. Then on October 8 the V.S.D.B. varsity felt a spark of a growing team as they went down in defeat before Augusta 19 to 12. In the first home game of the year, with Massanutten Military Academy, on October 16, the string of victories for Augusta continued by the tune of 6 to 0. The following week Hargrave Military Academy was defeated 14 to 7. Fork Union's powerful team then travelled to AMA and defeated us 32 to 12. Greenbrier came on the following week-end and walked home with a 25 to 0 victory. Defeat still seemed to be in the air as the Blue and White team traveled to Annapolis to go down before an out-of-class Navy team 68 to 0. By this time the boys were mad. They were to meet Fishburne Military Academy on Thanksgiving for the final game of the season. Their fighting spirit carried them to a 14 to 0 victory over Fishburne. Credit and laurations are due to the coaches who trained this green team of cadets to a smooth running football eleven. Lt. Waleski, with his assistants, Lt. Costello and Captain Morrissey, worked hard on and with the team and got it in the best physical condition. Adolph Null played and worked hard as the Captain, and was ably assisted by Bill Eddy as assistant captain. As a whole though, the 50th year of football at Augusta can be termed a big success. The team sends its best wishes along to the boys who will carry the honors for AMA next year.

AUGUSTA WHIPS FISHBURNE IN THANKSGIVING FINAL

AMA Defeats Old Rivals on Thanksgiving Day, by a Score of 14-0.

Driving incessantly down the field against a determined foe, the Blue and White team of Augusta defeated their arch rivals in the final football game of the season, at the latter's field on Thanksgiving Day, 14-0. Early in the first quarter, after AMA kicked off to Fishburne, the Blue and White team pushed FMS back over their goal line for two points. Then Fishburne kicked from their 20 yard marker, and Marable received the punt on his own 45. Thus began the first push towards a six point score for AMA. With Null's bone-breaking plunges through the line, and a pass completed from Null to Reid, setting up the stage for the score. Null went over for the touchdown. The try for the extra point failed. After that the remainder of the half was exchange of punts with AMA mostly in their opponents ground until the gun sounded.

Early in the Second half Augusta again started a drive which netted them their final score. Pushing up field for more than a hundred yards, they completed their drive. Null going over again for the tally. A remarkable feature of the game was that Fishburne was given the length of the field, plus, but still couldn't punch the AMA line. It was handed to them on a silver platter, but they lacked the push to get the score. Many times on spectacular runs up the field by Codling, Reid, or Null, the plays were called back due to penalties. If penalties were not involved the score would have been tripled. Most of the players on the reserve team got to see action in this final game of the season, and special merit is due to Null, Reid, Marable, Bazemore, Eddy, and Hayes.

Lineup for team: LE, Woodie; LT, Hayes; LG, Weaver; C, Johnson; RG, Bazemore; RT, Eddy; RE, Hamilton; QB, Reid; HB, Null; HB, Almacen; FB, Marable. Substitutes for Augusta were: McQuillen, Darden, Long, Quattrone, Tabakin, Fontaine, Mohler, Bearden, Slagle, Dashiell, Pittman, Arthur, Bello, Prati, Simmons and Codling.

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TO THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING

Goodbye, pal, is what many cadets will say to their friends when Christmas vacation draws near. Where they will meet again is only in the stars, maybe never. There are many boys who will enter the different branches of the service. Their future is dim, but they have a fighting AMA spirit. We hope to meet these boys in the future, as men of a free world. Until then our love and best wishes go forth with you. Tally Ho.

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PEEPS CONTINUE WINNING STREAK

In their third game of the season with Waynesboro, the AMA Peeps again showed their superiority by defeating their opponents 28-0. All of the scores came in the first half as the Minnows finished the game. The first team of the peeps started by choosing to receive and after a beautiful runback of the kickoff, started a drive that Heizer completed by running thirty yards, behind splendid blocking on the part of his teammates, to score. Wasco added the extra point. Making little headway after receiving the kickoff Waynesboro punted, and another drive was started that ended with Farley skirting the end for the second tally. Tarichee added the point. Just before the quarter ended Wasco went off tackle for twenty yards to score. Gardner made the score 21-0. At this point the second team entered and they chalked up another tally when Spratley intercepted a Waynesboro pass and ran with blocking of assistants to all the final tally. Ducey made the extra point.

Much improvement was noted in the Peeps in this game. The lineup: Shope, Green, Moerschell, Caudill, Addison, Spillman, Forinos, Sweatt, Spratley, Field, H.; Cox, P.; Heizer, Wasco, Tarechie, Farley, Bailes, Ducey, Gardner, Williams, Scott, Crosby.

In the final game of the season Waynesboro again went down to defeat on their own field. Plays clicked better than at any other time during the season, and with improved blocking AMA closed their season in a glorious finale. Farley, Gardner, Harrington, Bailes, Eidelman and Wasco accounted for touchdowns while Heizer, Wasco, Tariche, Ducey, added extra points in this scoring spree. The first team played but one quarter and the second team playing the second; a combination of Peeps and Minnos finishing the major portion of the contest. Highlights in this game were sixty yard kickoff by Green, the blocking of Gardner, Moerschell, Scott; the splendid backing up behind the line by Field; the cooperation between the Peeps and the Minnows. Lineups: Williams, Crosby, Eidelman, Brodie, McKee, Merrill, Rhea, Ducey, Bailes, Farley, Tariche, Wasco, Heizer, Cox, Field, Spratley, Sweatt, Fotimos, Spillman, Addison, Caudill, Moerschell, Green, Scott.

The Peeps did lose one game this season and that was with the VSBD Varsity. In playing this game the Peeps went out of their class and played a team that was composed of veterans of their second straight year of playing together. Naturally, the Peeps lost the game but only after putting up a gallant fight. The Peeps allowed but one touchdown during the first half but due to injuries on part of key men and with no substitutes for these positions it was inevitable that our opponents would wear us down, which they did, and after the second tally from then on mass substitution was made to enable all players to gain valuable experience. AMA did make several attempts to score in the first half when they drove to the opponent's ten yard marker only to lose the ball on downs, and then, in the closing minutes of the game our aerials began to click only to have the whistle put an end to our attempts.

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PRESENTING—

ROBERT GRAPE

There mut be a lucky charm attached to the person of Robert Grape because he has been in the Honor Company ever since he has been at school. In his first year Bob was a private in "C" company. Then his second year here he was Corporal in "C" and was a member of the Minnow Football team playing the position of end. Last year Bob was a First Sergeant of "A" Company and proved a valuable man to the company. This year once again Bob is back with "C" as Captain and he hopes that luck will stay with him so he once again will be a member of an Honor Company. He is "Chief Electrician" and when the dances are about to begin, if some cadet "fixed it up" with Bob, the light would suddenly go out. Very convenient, indeed! Bob was elected to be a member of the Honor Committee this year, and we know that he will try his best in all his worldly endeavors. Fortunate is not the word for Augusta's getting Bob. A more suitable word is "lucky". Let's hope it stays with him.

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Nitroglycerine was invented in 1846 by Ascanio Sobrero.

CADET CORPS WELCOMES SGT. GEORGE E. MICHAEL

The assistant to our P. S. M. & T., Maj. Arthur Blackburn is Sgt. George E. Michael who hails from Alexandria, Virginia. He attended schools in the same city of his birth. In 1927 he enlisted in the AUS and was sent to Ft. Eustis, Virginia, where he was attached to the 34th Infantry. From there he was sent to the 12th Inf., Ft. Howard, Md. From there he was sent to DEML at the Army War College, D. C. In 1932 he was transferred to the 12th Infantry and then sent on DEML to Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, Pa. In 1941 and until the present time he was attached to the 87th Infantry at Camp McCain, Miss. He is married and expects to bring his wife to live with him in the very near future. AMA feels very fortunate in having such a man of wide experience and varied interests. We promise him that we shall give him the best cooperation in all of his endeavors. Again we extend to him a most cordial welcome.

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EXCHANGE COLUMN

Beginning with the next issue, the Bayonet will publish a column devoted to comments from and about other school publications. Thus far we have seen (not received) papers from Fishburne, Danville High, Charleston (W. Va.) and Staunton Military Academy. We would appreciate any cadets passing on to the editor copies of papers from other schools. Thus far the honors that we would give to any paper goes to Danville, Va., which we believe is the only paper that could be put in a class that would satisfy us as a true representative medium of any group.

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Pvt. David Barr is now overseas somewhere. His address is 707 Engr. Pet. Dist. Co., A. P. O. 9055, care of Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

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JUST A MEMORY

If words could describe the events that took place to each separate cadet on Thanksgiving Day, we would fill many-fold the pages of this paper, but there is a lasting memory in the hearts of every cadet who entered Staunton or Waynesboro that day. Coupled with the fine showing of the AMA team's win over Fishburne, not a finer day could be had. Breakfast was an hour later than usual and after cleaning up our rooms we parted, by different means of transportation, to the distant providences. Not many cadets remained at school for the noon meal, and many were having a good time at this point.

We formed for a march on Fishburne's Field at 2 P. M. and witnessed a great clash with two fighting teams. Then the stage was set for further "fun," or should we say entertainment? Many cadets hit the porch of Fairfax Hall and still more trudged their way back to the portals of Mary Baldwin, victims of a ring of conspirators. After being hooked by one of these "fair damsels" there was no exit for escape, so the ones who went to MBC couldn't have had a good time (Hmmmmmm Pure!). Once more we trudged wearily back to the familiar scenes of AMA. Coming up the long and spacious drive more than one boy was crying, crying because he had to come back!! There is more to this story, but it will only be completed after the Christmas furlough, so be sure to eat your Wheaties and tune in on the next copy of the Bayonet to find out what happened to the poor Cadet who failed to do Major Hoover's Spanish lesson for the next day!!

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WEDDING BELLS TO RING

Major and Mrs. Martin G. Manch have announced that their daughter, Miss Rosemary, will wed Staff Sgt. Patrick D'Orsi, United States Army Medical Corps, on Wednesday, December 29, in the First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, Va. The Bayonet and the Cadet Corps through this medium wishes the newlyweds-to-be the finest wedding and the most enjoyable of honeymoons and happiest of many years to come of their wedded life. We trust that we may personally meet the couple upon our return from the Christmas Holidays.

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ALUMNI COLUMN

Believing that the present cadet corps would like to read interesting portions of letters mailed to them from former cadets now in the armed forces, the Bayonet will encourage this idea by mailing out to former cadets in the various services copies of back issues, and future ones, too, of the school paper. Any replies we receive will be printed in the first issue in January. To be sure that the papers get to the correct address it is requested that cadets knowing the addresses of our alumni write them on an envelope and hand same to the faculty advisor at once.

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Pvt. Tuminela is now stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. His address is Pvt. W. J. Tuminella, Service Battery 862 F.A. Bn. 63rd Division, APO. 410, Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

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